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TO AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY ROME IMMEDIATE

INFO AMEMBASSY CAIRO IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS

SUBJECT: KAGNEW FOUR

REF: (A) ROME 15125; (B) KHARTOUM 2446

1. DEPARTMENT SHARES VIEWS EXPRESSED REF B AND  
REQUESTS EMBASSIES KHARTOUM AND ROME TO TAKE FOLLOWING  
ACTIONS.

2. FOR KHARTOUM: ITALIAN EMBASSY SHOULD BE INFORMED THAT  
US EMBASSY IS NOT AUTHORIZED TO ACCEPT SEALED  
ENVELOPE POUCHED FROM ROME (REF A) AND WOULD APPRECIATE  
ITALIAN EMBASSY'S UNDERTAKING TO DELIVER IT TO ADDRESSEE,  
TAKLA GHEBRESELLASIE. EMBASSY SHOULD EXPLAIN THIS REQUEST  
IN TERMS OF THIRD AND FOURTH SENTENCES PARA 2, REF B.

3. FOR KHARTOUM: FOR ESSENTIALLY THE SAME BASIC REASON,  
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I.E., TO AVOID ANY COLOR OF USG INITIATIVE TOWARD OR IN-

VOLVEMENT WITH ELF/PLF GROUPS WHICH MAY NOT HAVE EFFECTIVE  
CONTROL OVER CAPTIVES, EMBASSY SHOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO CON-  
TACT LOCAL ELF/PLF REPS. CONCUR IN EMBASSY'S VIEW THAT  
WHAT IS NOW REQUIRED IS ACTION BY PLF/ELF TO CONTACT USG  
IN KHARTOUM OR ELSEWHERE TO PROPOSE DATE AND PLACE FOR  
MEETING WITH US REP, PER GREEN LIGHT USG HAS CONVEYED FOR  
SUCH MEETING THROUGH GOI.

4. FOR KHARTOUM: EMBASSY'S ASSUMPTION PARA 5, REF B,  
IS CORRECT.

5. FOR ROME: DEPARTMENT SHARES EMBASSY KHARTOUM'S CON-  
CERNs PARA 1, REF B. EMBASSY SHOULD ACCORDINGLY RECALL  
TO GOI CAREFULLY DRAWN INSTRUCTIONS US REP WILL BE UNDER  
IN ANY MEETING WITH ELF/PLF, AND PARTICULARLY USG'S FIRM  
REFUSAL TO NEGOTIATE OR BARGAIN WITH ABDUCTORS OF  
AMERICANS ABROAD (STATE 240695 AND ROME 14617). EMBASSY  
MIGHT NOTE THAT WHILE WE KNOW GOI UNDERSTANDS THIS, ELF/  
PLF SPOKESMEN APPEAR, NOT UNEXPECTEDLY, TO HAVE ATTEMPTED  
TO CONVEY IMPRESSION TO CAPTIVES AND OTHERS THAT USG IS  
PREPARED TO QUOTE NEGOTIATE UNQUOTE. IF ELF/PLF CAME  
ACTUALLY TO BELIEVE USG IS PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE ON THEIR  
DEMANDS, THAT MISUNDERSTANDING COULD SERIOUSLY COMPROMISE  
RELEASE EFFORTS AND JEOPARDIZE CAPTIVES. INGERSOLL

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